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Washington State Patrol *Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)*

“Accomplishments in 2002”

Chief Ronal Serpas announced today that the Investigative Assistance Division’s Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) provided increased services to agencies throughout the state in 2002. The WSP SWAT Team accomplished the following for the citizens of Washington State:

- Total Tactical missions – 75 (which involved methamphetamine labs, narcotics, high-risk warrants and murder suspects). **This is a 245% increase from 2001.**
- Total methamphetamine labs dismantled – 223.
- Assisting other agencies with methamphetamine lab processing – 38. **This is a 280% increase from 2001.**
- Methamphetamine labs with children present – 31.
- Methamphetamine labs with weapons – 11.
- Methamphetamine Awareness training – 3,664 people trained (given to law enforcement, public service, and civilians). **This is a 53% increase from 2001.**
- WSP SWAT also assisted with the re-certifications of methamphetamine-trained officers and detectives throughout the state, saving their departments the expense of paying for their investigators to be re-certified.
- SWAT pro-active cases concerning methamphetamine investigations have increased six-fold from 2001.

The Washington State Patrol SWAT Team is making a difference every day for the citizens of Washington State.

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